

Adoption & Out-of-Home Care Committee
Of the BMCW Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2013

Present:

Colleen Ellingson
Tiffany Meredith
Denise Pilz
Maria McDermott
Arlene Happach
Sara Scullen
Christine Holmes

Recorders:

Rachael Kumm
Gail Zellner

- Call to order.
- Reviewing data of children 0-3yrs. with more than 3 moves while in out-of-home care (OHC).
- Points reviewed in specific cases.
 - o Family members with whom children are placed under protective plans struggle with upholding supervision requirements with parents.
 - o After-hours placement options should include previous OHC placement obtained through eWiSACWIS review.
 - o Issues with foster homes that are giving frequent notice of removal.
 - o Support options for foster parents of children with mental/physical disabilities.
 - o In-home safety plans over moving children again to another placement in OHC.
 - o Continued allegations while in OHC may warrant another move while under investigation.
 - o Case workers need continued training on giving testimony to provide correct information to assist court ordered placement in the best interest of the children.
 - o What support could have been given to families with placed children to prevent the children to be moved out of their care?
- Next meeting to cover:
 - o More review of moves initiated outside of Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare/ongoing agencies.
 - o Agencies provided names to Sara Scullen to look at court actions.
 - o Arlene to review egregious incidents/substantiations associated with multiple moves while in OHC.